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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**Re: DTE 06-56 – Petition of Charter Fiberlink MA-CCO, LLC
for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Verizon and Charter have reached agreement on the substantive terms of a settlement of this arbitration. They both agree, however, that it will take approximately three weeks to finalize the details and execute the necessary documents. For this reason the parties jointly request that the Department hold this matter in abeyance for approximately three weeks. We request that the Department reschedule the hearing in this matter for October 10 or shortly thereafter. Our expectation is that on or before that date we would submit a written notice that the matter has been settled and the arbitration may be dismissed. Verizon is authorized by Charter to submit this letter on behalf of both parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander W. Moore

cc: Carol Pieper, Arbitrator
DTE 06-56 Service List